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The Swastika Route Was Opened to Denver for Freight Traffic on Wednesday. The First Trainload Arrived in Cimarron from Denver in Forty-Eight Hours

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## NEW MEXICO PUBLIC LAND

### DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON

#### Interesting Letter From Will C. Barnes on the Weather Conditions East and the Prospects of the Land Bill.

Will C. Barnes in Optic:

Washington, D. C., Monday, Feb. 21.—My, but New Mexico is a long distance from the seat of government of this great nation.

I never come here but I wonder not why we don't get more from the powers that be, but rather that they ever think of us at all.

I find that traveling on the limited doesn't mean getting into Chicago on time by a good deal, for the train we were on landed us in the Windy City nine hours late.

By us I mean Mr. H. A. Jastro, Hon. Jerry Leahy, who joined us at Raton, and your humble servant.

From Hutchinson, Kansas, we were in the snow belt clear to this city. All through Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and other states it lay a foot or more deep and the whole country seemed in the close grasp of winter.

Chicago was bitterly cold, with sleighs and cutters much in evidence.

A few hours delay there enabled us to get around town a little, meeting Mr. J. E. Hurley of the Santa Fe among other ex-New Mexicans.

The snow got worse the farther east we rode and we found it deep in the streets of the city, with lots of sleighs and cutters on even Pennsylvania avenue, and an almost zero temperature. They say it's been this way for a week and looks as if it would last another week or two. Of the committee of seven appointed by the president, but four are here to meet with the public lands commission; Mr. Jastro, Senator Warren, Mr. Gurns of Idaho and myself.

In addition to this a huge delegation of stock men from all over the west is here to take a hand in the meetings and the thing promises to resolve itself into the old fight between the sheep men and the cattle men. The sheep men are especially insistent and active and some of the best known sheep raisers of the west are here ready to raise a very vigorous protest against the passage of any bill concerning the leasing of the public lands.

All day Sunday and today have we met in sessions trying to work out some harmonious plan by which we could go before the senate committee on agriculture in whose hands the matter now lies, but the more we talk the worse the matter looks.

Today we met with the public lands commission which consists of the commissioner of public lands, the chief of the bureau of forestry and the chief of the reclamation service.

Red hot speeches were made by

#### GOVERNMENT LANDS NEAR SPRINGER

There are many thousands of acres of government land in the vicinity of Springer not yet taken up. In a very short time every piece of it will be filed on the way everything looks at the present time. With our inexhaustible supply of water these lands are much more valuable than the ordinary citizen would suppose, and as citizens it becomes our duty to use our efforts to have them taken up by people with honest intentions, people with a purpose to establish permanent homes on them. Now is our opportunity, don't let it pass. The opportunity to establish a grand farming community.—Springer Stockman.

#### ESTABLISHING NEW TOWN SOUTH OF ALAMOGORDO

Alamogordo, N. M., Feb. 16.—Surveyors started to work this morning to survey the townsite for the new town of Sacramento City, which is projected in connection with the big irrigation enterprise south of Alamogordo about ten or twelve miles. The site for the new town is where Dog Canon station now stands.

both sides, arguments pro and con given a full hearing, but to no avail. So at 2 p. m. we adjourned to meet at the senate committee rooms and make our little talks before that body.

By mutual agreement both sides were given a full hearing and all of the senators asked many questions regarding the matter.

It was 6 o'clock before this committee finished with us and now the matter rests with them. The whole question is covered by a short clause in the agricultural appropriation bill which in brief gives the secretary of agriculture charge over the public lands of the United States with power to lease them to the settlers under such rules and regulations as he may deem best and provides especially that under no circumstances shall the rights of the homesteader be abridged or curtailed in any particular.

On this question the president's special committee are unanimously in favor of the passage of the amendment. The cattle men present were also and a few sheep men, but as a general thing the sheep men are against it unalterably.

Senator Proctor of Vermont, who is chairman of the committee, announced that they would report the bill tomorrow, Tuesday, and the matter is now in their hands, but it is generally realized that the senate will be against the amendment as under senate rules if one senator objects the amendment is stricken out without debate or question.

There is no doubt but that Senator Carter of Montana will object to it and so end the matter for this session.

Tomorrow we go in a body to pay our respects to the president, and then so far as any one can see today our work here is done for this session.

It is generally understood that among the first bills to be introduced in the next session will be one on this subject and it is whispered about the lobbies that the president will send in a special message tomorrow as soon as the senate kills the amendment bearing upon the whole subject and urging immediate action on a bill for leasing the public lands.

If he should it will put a new phase on the whole subject and there may yet be some decided action taken.

Mr. Sol Luna, Mr. H. W. Kelly of Las Vegas, C. W. Merchant of Carlsbad, and Hon. W. C. McDonald are here from New Mexico, the two former against and the two latter for the leasing law.

#### CARLSBAD BUYS WRITEUP IN A MAGAZINE

Carlsbad, N. M., Feb. 16.—The Calkins Newspaper Syndicate, of San Francisco, has had an agent in Carlsbad for two or three days working up a big write up of the irrigation project the money for the expense being paid by the business men of Carlsbad. The amount invested was \$500 and gives the project five pages in the publication.

The big Raton City and Coffax County directory is nearing completion. Almost two hundred pages of type have been set up, and the work of making up and printing the edition will soon be commenced. The book will be bound in cloth, and will contain more than two hundred pages of names, advertisements and interesting data. You still have time to have a copy printed for you, but after the first forms go to press there will be no additional copies printed. Leave your order at once. A dollar, paid when the book is delivered.

The Quay County Lumber company is in the new incorporation list of the Tucumcari News.

#### FARMERS DEVELOPMENT

An eastern trade journal in mentioning new companies in various parts of the United States, contains the following which has reference to the purchasers of the Valdez tract of land near this city:

Springer (N. M.)—Farmers Development Co. is organizing with \$250,000 to \$500,000 capital to irrigate 10,000 acres of 18,000-acre tract owned by company. Surveys have been run for ditches and civil engineers are working on reservoir end of project. N. M. Mikesell, Pittsburg (Pa.), A. F. Mikesell and I. H. Rosenberg, Covington (O.), and others, organizers.—Springer Stockman.

#### DAWSON ROAD WILL BE BUILT THROUGH LAS VEGAS

The building of the new cut-off of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad, shortening the line from the Dawson coal fields to the Arizona mines, and giving Las Vegas a competing line of railroad, is now virtually assured. Last week there was filed in the United States land office at Santa Fe, a plat of the proposed route, which will be more than two hundred miles in length. Las Vegas will be the principal town on the line, but the road will open up a vast territory heretofore without transportation facilities. The building of the line will be completed this summer. Among the important prospects of the new system is a line from Dawson to Denver, thereby giving a more direct line from Denver to El Paso and all southern New Mexico and Arizona points.

## PLAN TO MAKE OLD PALACE A BRANCH OF SMITHSONIAN

### Most Interesting Historical Sketch of the Oldest Building in the United States Related by Ex-Governor Prince.

A most important historical and archaeological movement is on foot which provides for the re-erecting of the old palace building and grounds in Santa Fe to the United States government, and the establishment of a branch of the Smithsonian institute therein. No plan has ever been evolved which would be of more value to the nation from an archaeological standpoint. The entire southwest is rich in ruins, pre-historic and from the Spanish and Indian regime, and these should be carefully preserved and gathered to the most natural central point for the benefit of this and future generations. No more fitting use could be found for the oldest building in the United States. No other way can be thought of which would do justice to the enterprise, except to make a great national museum of the building, put it in perfect repair, and maintain it as a government building.

As a national monument, the federal government with its resources would keep the building in good condition, says the New Mexican. It would give it the prestige that it deserves but which it has lost of late years. Tourists have been excluded from the greater part of the building and the parts of the building that they were shown were not clean, dust covered, neglected. The grant to the government must be unconditional under the Lacey act for only in case of an unconditional grant is the president empowered to accept it. But it can be arranged with him and the department of the interior that the custodianship be placed in the hands of the archaeological institute for the purpose of establishing its projected school of American Archaeology therein. The custodians would provide ample quarters for the New Mexico Historical society, for an auxiliary archaeological museum, would establish a library of Americana, open reading and lecture rooms and would give the building prestige and advertising that would redound to the profit and glory of the common-

#### OIL AT FARMINGTON

At a depth of 2,100 feet a small flow of oil was encountered on Monday, which added much interest to the efforts of the drillers.

Before the oil seep was struck, very salt water in small quantity had been encountered and a sample of that is also in our window. It seems to be about as salt as sea water.

The drill is going again today and is now entering a sandrock formation, after having passed through over 1,200 feet of shale. The rock is getting very hard and it is believed that as soon as this rock is passed through it will enter the oil. The well is now over 2,300 feet.—Farmington Enterprise.

#### PUBLICITY GIVEN TO WRECK CAUSES WOULD HELP

New Orleans, Feb. 18.—As a preventive for railroad accidents, complete publicity is suggested by Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman lines, and vice president of the Southern Pacific. In an interview today, he said:

"The persons responsible for accidents whether officers or laborers, should be known to the public in order that they may be made to feel the weight of popular displeasure."

"We must bring about a closer observance of the rules governing the operation of the railroads and a greater respect for danger signals than we now get from our employees. This can be done only by the widest publicity of accidents."

## Springer News Notes

From the Springer Stockman.

Mrs. W. H. Kremis has been sick a portion of the week.

A number of horse buyers were in the city this week from the vicinity of Roy.

The wild duck is beginning to arrive, and the sport is getting ready to annihilate him.

Dr. Hopkins made a professional visit to Cimarron Monday, returning Tuesday morning.

E. W. Calley was up in Raton a part of last week attending to some matters of business.

Master Clifton Granger has been sick at his home for several days, but is much better now.

George W. Warder went up to Raton last Saturday evening, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James R. Gillespie went up to Raton Monday on business, where she spent two or three days.

Miss Ida M. Towner, who has for some time been with her father here, left Tuesday afternoon for Denver.

Mr. E. G. McAdams, from Kaw City, Oklahoma, is visiting at the M. E. parsonage. He expects to locate.

Neal Conley was in the city the first of the week from the Urraca ranch near Cimarron, where he is employed.

Measles are reported to exist in the city. There are a good many cases at Dawson and a few said to exist at Cimarron.

the order to execute forty-eight Pueblo prisoners in the plaza which faces the building; here, but a day later, was the sad war council held which determined on the evacuation of the city; here was the scene of the triumph of the Pueblo chieftains as they ordered the destruction of the Spanish archives and the church ornaments in one grand conflagration; here De Vargas, on September 14, 1692, after the eleven hours' combat of the preceding day, gave thanks to the Virgin Mary, to whose aid he attributed his triumphant capture of the city; here, more than a century later, on March 3, 1807, Lieutenant Pike was brought before Governor Alencaster as an invader of Spanish soil; here, in 1822, the Mexican standard, with its eagle and cactus, was raised; it token that New Mexico was no longer a dependency of Spain; from here, on the 6th day of August, 1837, Governor Perez started to subdue the insurrection in the north, only to return two days later and to meet his death, on the 9th, near Agua Fria; here, on the succeeding day, Jose Gonzales, a Pueblo Indian of Taos, was installed as governor of New Mexico, soon after to be executed by order of Armiño; here, in the principal reception room, on August 12, 1846, Captain Cook, the American envoy, was received by Governor Armiño and sent back with a message of defiance; and here, six days later, General Kearney took formal possession of the city, and slept, after his long, weary march, on the carpeted earthen floor of the palace. Coming down to more modern times, it may be added that here, General Lew Wallace wrote "Ben Hur," while governor of the territory in 1879 and 1880."

If the efforts of the committee on legislation of the New Mexico Medical Association materialize, quack doctors and students will be banished from the list of licensed doctors in this territory. A very stringent examination will prohibit incompetents from securing a license to practice. Dr. T. B. Hart is on the committee and is named as vice president. This legislation is needed and there will likely be such a law enacted.

J. M. Aldredge and family left Thursday for La Junta, where they will make their home, engaging in the hotel business.

Mrs. J. P. McDonald and Mrs. St. Vrain of Mora, sister and mother of Mrs. D. J. Devine, came up Thursday and are visiting the Devine family.

H. C. Gimson was in Springer Tuesday from his ranch home near Roy. From here he went on to Cimarron to visit for a few days with his family, where they have been living during the winter.

Walter O'Brien, ex-cattle inspector for this district, and who at present is engaged in the retail meat business at Albuquerque, was in Springer Wednesday endeavoring to secure a car or so of butcher cattle.

R. C. Dillon of Albuquerque, traveling representative for Gross, Kelly & Co. in the southern part of the territory and eastern Arizona, spent last Sunday in the city with relatives. He had also visited with his mother in Raton the day previous.

A runaway of a team belonging to D. A. Clouthier Tuesday created some little excitement for a short time. No one was hurt. The delivery horse of the Salazar Mercantile Co. received a slight wound on the shoulder as the runaway team passed him.

J. M. Gonzales, prosperous citizen of Union county, was in the city Thursday from his home at Albert on the Tuquesquite, leaving in the afternoon for Santa Fe, where he will spend a week as a spectator at the sessions of the legislature, also visiting friends of which he has many in the capital city.

#### How You Can Patronize Mail Order Concerns

A number of Raton people have received the following circular, mailed by a grocery firm at Las Vegas:

Dear Madam:

Do you use coffee? If you do, you want good coffee, you want pure coffee and you want fresh roasted coffee.

I am the only coffee roaster in the southwest.

My coffee is selected by expert government coffee graders, from the green coffee, upon its arrival in New York City, from the plantations in the coffee growing districts, and is shipped direct to me for roasting as the requirements of the consumer demand, thus insuring to the consumer a fresh, pure coffee, retaining all of its natural flavor.

Let me send you a trial order of five or ten pounds of any of the following brands, which will be delivered to your door on receipt of price.

One bright woman, who is among the anti-mail order class, wrote in answer, as follows:

"Dear Sir:

I have received your coffee letter, and will say in reply that we have a number of good grocery houses in Raton, one of which will be glad to handle your very superior line of coffees if you can show them that they are really superior. I prefer to buy through our resident stores.

Very respectfully,  
MRS. —

The Tucumcari Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company have had their articles of incorporation published and will be located at Ende, New Mexico, and E. E. Hedgecock will be territorial agent. The capital stock of this company is \$10,000 divided into 250 shares of the par value of \$40.00 each. The object and purpose of this company is to construct and operate telephone lines both long and short in the territory of New Mexico.